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MAJOR POINTS
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1. ~~(S)~~ THE SENIOR IRAQI LIAISON OFFICER WAS SHAKEN BUT UNHARMED AFTER A CROWD IN ZAKHU STORMED HIS VEHICLE.
2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c) A LARGE CONTINGENT OF IRAQI POLICE REMAINS IN THE CITY.
3. ~~(S)~~ BAGHDAD CONTINUES TO PROTEST UN PROVISIONS CONCERNING ARBITRATION OF DAMAGE CLAIMS AGAINST IRAQ.
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DISCUSSION
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4. ~~(S)~~ ZAKHU AND DAHUK. IRAQI BRIG GEN NASHWAN DUNAN, THE SENIOR IRAQI LIAISON OFFICER TO PROVIDE COMFORT, WAS ATTACKED BY A CROWD OF 300 TO 400 PEOPLE ON 21 MAY AS HE ENTERED HIS VEHICLE OUTSIDE THE ZAKHU POLICE STATION. (b)(1),1.4 (c) THE CROWD ACCUSED THE JOURNALIST WITH NASHWAN OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE SECRET POLICE, THEN STORMED THE VEHICLE IN AN ATTEMPT TO DRAG THE GENERAL, HIS DRIVER, AND THE JOURNALIST AWAY. WESTERN MILITARY POLICE PREVENTED THE CROWD FROM HARMING THE GENERAL, WHO WAS BADLY SHAKEN BY THE INCIDENT. THE JOURNALIST, TAKEN AWAY BY THE CROWD, WAS LATER

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RELEASED WITH NO KNOWN INJURIES. HOWEVER, THE DRIVER WAS SEVERELY BEATEN AND REQUIRED MEDICAL TREATMENT AT THE ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL IN ZAKHU. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND KNOWN VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION AT THE IRAQI POLICE STATION IN ZAKHU IN THE LAST TEN DAYS. ANTI-IRAQI EMOTIONS RUN HIGH IN THE KURDISH POPULATION AFTER YEARS OF REPRESSION UNDER SADDAM'S REGIME, THE FULL EXTENT OF WHICH IS BEING REVEALED DAILY AS WESTERN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND JOURNALISTS MOVE FREELY THROUGH THE SECURITY ZONE IN NORTHERN IRAQ.
5. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c)

SURVEYING THE CITY ON 20 MAY THAT 300-400 SPECIAL POLICE, 800 CIVIL POLICE, AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF UNARMED TRAFFIC POLICE WERE IN DAHUK. (b)(1),1.4 (c) ALSO INDICATED THAT UNEXPLODED MUNITIONS LITTER THE CITY AND THAT 500-750 HOUSES WERE DESTROYED. COMMENT: THE NUMBER OF CIVIL POLICE IN DAHUK REPORTED BY THE

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CANNOT BE CONFIRMED; HOWEVER, A LARGE CONTINGENT OF IRAQI POLICE WAS OBSERVED THERE (b)(1),1.4 (c)
6. ~~(S)~~ IRAQI FORCES ARE APPARENTLY CONTINUING DEPLOYMENTS SOUTH OF DAHUK. (b)(1),1.4 (c) OF 21 TO 22 MAY, IRAQ HAS MOVED SOME ARTILLERY FROM THE DAHUK MILITARY BARRACKS/FAIDAH TRAINING AREA (b)(3):10 USC TO POSITIONS ABOUT FOUR KM SOUTH OF

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MOUNT DEKAN (b)(1),1.4 (c) ON THE ROAD TO MOSUL. AS OF 22 MAY, THE NUMBER OF ARTILLERY PIECES IN THE NEW DEPLOYMENT AREA INCREASED TO TEN TUBES, WHILE ONE BATTERY OF 122MM D30S REMAINED IN THE BARRACKS AREA. MEANWHILE, IRAQI INFANTRY REMAINED IN POSITIONS BOTH ON MOUNT DAHUK (b)(1),1.4 (c) IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE CITY, AND WEST OF THE HIGHWAY IN THE AREA OF FAIDAH. AT LEAST SIX OF THE 40 REPLETMENTS IN A STORAGE AREA ABOUT 25 KM SOUTH OF DAHUK WERE PARTIALLY FILLED WITH SUPPLIES WHILE OTHER SUPPLIES WERE (b)(1),1.4 (c) BEING OFF-LOADED. COMMENT: THE NEW ARTILLERY POSITIONS, ABOUT 7 KM SOUTHWEST OF THE BARRACKS AREA, WOULD SUPPORT IRAQI FORCES WITHDRAWING TO THE GENERAL LINE OF MOUNT DEKAN. THESE NEW POSITIONS ARE APPROXIMATELY 15 KM SOUTH OF THE CITY.
7. ~~(S)~~ REFUGEE SITUATION. (b)(1),1.4 (c)

TURKISH CAMPS ON 21 MAY, LEAVING AN ESTIMATED (b)(1),1.4 (c) TURKEY (b)(1),1.4 (c)
(b)(1),1.4 (c) VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE ORIGINAL POPULATION OF THE UZUMLU REFUGEE CAMP HAS DEPARTED, AND UZUMLU IS

OPERATING AS A WAY STATION FOR REFUGEES MOVING FROM CUKURCA WESTWARD TO SILOPI AND SOUTHWARD INTO IRAQ. 3,200 TENTS ARRIVED AT ZAKHU ON THE 21ST, REDUCING BUT NOT ELIMINATING THE SHORTAGE OF TENTAGE FOR THE CONSTANT INFUX OF DISPLACED CIVILIANS.

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8. ~~(S)~~ POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENTS. IRAQ'S UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, ABDUL AMIR AL ANBARI, HAS PREDICTABLY CONDEMNED UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (UNSCR) 692 AS AN UNPRECEDENTED VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. A 15-MEMBER ARBITRATION BOARD TO BE ESTABLISHED IN GENEVA WILL REPORTEDLY DETERMINE IRAQI LIABILITIES, A PROCESS THAT ACCORDING TO AL ANBARI BYPASSES THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE TO CREATE A SEPARATE "POLITICAL" ORGAN. AL ANBARI ARGUED THAT THE CEASE-FIRE TERMS CONTAINED IN UNSCR 687 MADE BAGHDAD RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECT DAMAGES AND LOSSES, BUT THAT THESE LOSSES SHOULD BE DEFINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, RATHER THAN BY THE INTERESTS OF THE UNSC MEMBER STATES. MOREOVER, HE CONTENTED THAT UNSCR 692 GIVES THE COALITION AN INDIRECT TOOL TO CONTROL OIL PRICES BY FIXING THE AMOUNT OF IRAQI OIL REVENUES THAT WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR DAMAGES. (b)(1),1.4 (d)

9. ~~(S)~~ DESPITE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) PROMISES THAT VARIOUS PRIVATE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN IRAQ, SOME OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE APPARENTLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE TERMS OF THE 18 APRIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BAGHDAD AND UN EXECUTIVE

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SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, ACCORDING TO THE US MISSION IN GENEVA. THE AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) IN PARTICULAR HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL WITHDRAW FROM NORTHERN IRAQ. THE ARC'S POSITION IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT, CONTRARY TO NORMAL PROCEDURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (LICROSS), THE ARC IS INSIDE IRAQ WITHOUT PRIOR COORDINATION WITH THE IRAQI RED CRESCENT SOCIETY. HOWEVER, THE UNHCR INSISTS THAT ALL PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING IN THE COUNTRY ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE 18 APRIL MEMORANDUM, AND IT IS WILLING TO MAKE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXCEPTIONS. COMMENT: A LICROSS REPRESENTATIVE HAS

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THE GULF CONFLICT HAD DEMONSTRATED THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF THE US IN THE REGION, OVERCOMING PREVIOUS GCC RELUCTANCE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS.

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